

**HOLLYWOOD HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 15, 2017**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Will and Ariel Durant Library Branch**  
**7140 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90046**

**MINUTES**

1. **The meeting was called to order by President, Anastasia Mann at 6:04pm**
2. **Roll Call. Quorum established.** Absent: Kathy Bañuelos, Daniel Savage, Richard Joludow, Bryan Dyer, Barbara Witkin, Jon Guzik and Emily Weithman.
3. **Approval of minutes. Minutes were approved as corrected 16-0.**
4. **Public Official Reports**
  - a) 46th Assembly District, Angie Aramayo, Office of Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian provided an update and invited everyone to an Open House on December 7<sup>th</sup> in Van Nuys.
  - b) 3rd Supervisorial District, Fernando Morales, Office of Supervisor Sheila Kuehl provided an update on affordable housing and the Hollywood Bowl.
  - c) 26<sup>th</sup> Senate State District, Allison Towle, Office of Senator Ben Allen introduced herself and invited everyone to a Toy Drive meet and greet at the The Grove on November 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm.
  - d) LAPD- Sergeant Zacarias of the Security Services Division provided an update on the security of large areas like Runyon Canyon and how parks are opened and closed.
  - e) Lorenzo Briceno, Assistant Director of Policy & Government Relations from the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment introduced himself.
5. **President's Report (Anastasia Mann)**
  - a) Community Business
    - i. **Presentation to Marc Wanamaker-** Patty Dryden, Environmental Chair, President Anastasia Mann and Jeff Masino, Parks & Open Space Chair thanked Marc for the historic photographs used for the Runyon Canyon kiosk.
    - ii. **Holiday Sing-a-long-tabled from October.** Clarification and Update: Serra provided an update that CD4 is to sponsor the community event on December 14, 2017, 7:30-9:00pm and will no longer request funding from HHWNC.  
**Motion to request that the HHWNC support with notification to stakeholders.**  
**The Board voted to approve the motion 16-0.**
    - iii. **Update on Neighborhood Council online voting** – Anastasia provided an update that the City Council currently supports online voting; Next election for Neighborhood Councils is 2019. March 2017 CIS requesting evidence that online model is complete and secure; support NC self-determination and voter age.

- iv. **BONC Request-Funding Working Group**-re: solutions to matching NC funds with individual NC needs. Anastasia said that there will be four meetings held in Jan. & Feb. 2018 from 6-8:30pm and they need two reps per region and made a request for volunteers. Michael Meyer “volunteered” but noted he might need a back up due to travel plans. Serra Aladag volunteered to be the back up.

v. **Motion from the Chair-Tour Bus Update**

**Motion:** HHWNC acknowledges, salutes and thanks CD4 Councilmember David Ryu and the City Council for their follow up and support for Assembly member Adrin Nazarian’s AB25 with City Council motions to enact the following;

- a. CF 17-1116 The Tour Bus Noise Reduction/Mitigation Ordinance (requiring headphones)
- b. CF 17-1115 The Tour Bus Route Restriction Ordinance (study to determine street access restrictions for tour busses within neighborhoods, etc.

This problem has been plaguing our Hollywood Hills and Hollywood area vicinities for years now. We appreciate our state and local leadership hearing the voices of our stakeholders and taking actions which we fully support. The progress and cooperation of the tour companies will be monitored. Safety issues re the vehicles for the protection of our tourists still need to be addressed.

**The board discussed. Anastasia made a motion, Orrin 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion approved 16-0.**

**Public comments were made by Alan Krieger and Cheri Smith.**

- b) The next meeting date was confirmed for January 17, 2018.

6. **First Vice-President’s Report (Orrin Feldman)**

- a) 2018 PLUM Committee Meetings will be on the first Thursday night of every month.
- b) Orrin provided an update on Montecito project.
- c) The December 7<sup>th</sup> PLUM Meeting will review the 7500 Sunset Blvd. project.
- d) January PLUM Meeting will review the 3902 N. Kentucky/3894 Fredonia building
- e) The Durant/Gardner Street Library at 1403 N. Gardner St. is in consideration to be a supportive housing facility for approximately 20 women.
- f) Yamashiro Hollywood has new plans. They have not been revealed yet.

7. **Treasurer’s Report (Michael Meyer)**

- a) The Funding Request Forms were approved unanimously 16-0.
- b) October 2017 Monthly Expenditure Report was approved 16-0.
- c) Michael provided an update on the Pre-Approval Funding Request Submission Checklist: DONE has transferred financial dealings of Neighborhood Councils to the City Clerk. The City Clerk has now put on the City Clerk website (<http://clerk.lacity.org/neighborhood-council-funding/documents-and-forms>) five documents for neighborhood Councils to use. The HHWNC Treasurer has already provided information and distributed the revised Board Certification document. See attached documents in board packet.

8. **Second Vice President’s Report (Jane Crockett)**

- a) Jane provided an update on the LANNC Report. There will be an advertising campaign going in motion in January that promotes Neighborhood Councils.
- b) Jane reviewed each HHWNC Committee's reports and listed the number of meetings each one had, any corrections can be sent to Jane.

## 9. Committee Reports

### a) Infrastructure (Matt Shichtman)

#### i. Presentation by LADWP on the following Equity Metrics:

- 1 - Water Quality Complaints
- 2 - Water System Probability of Failure & Planned Replacements
- 3 - System Average Interruption Duration Index & System Average Interruption Frequency Index
- 4 - Power System Reliability Program – Pole, Transformer, Cable Replacements

Jason Stinnett, Senior Public Relations Specialist at LADWP informed the board to visit [www.ladwp.com/equitymetrics](http://www.ladwp.com/equitymetrics) to learn more.

#### ii. Presentation by Patrick Frank, President of the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight Non-Profit 501(c)(3)

**Proposed Motion:** This Neighborhood Council fully supports the new sign ordinance Version B+ as approved by the City Planning Commission on 10/22/2015, Council File 11-1705. And we urge the PLUM committee of the City Council to adopt that version of the ordinance which accomplishes the following goals that are important to the residents and stakeholders of this neighborhood:

- 1. Disapproves any amnesty for existing billboards that lack permits or have been altered in violation of their permits.
- 2. Disapproves the "grandfathering" of any sign districts that weren't approved or applied for in April 2009 when the CPC approved the initial version of the new sign ordinance.
- 3. Restricts any new off-site signs, including digital billboards, to sign districts in 22 areas already zoned as Regional Commercial for high-intensity commercial use.
- 4. Requires existing billboards to be taken down before any new off-site signs can go up in sign districts. The takedown ratio of existing signs to new signs should be 5 to 1 for conventional and 10 to 1 for digital.
- 5. Adds funding to the Department of Building and Safety to hire at least 3 more inspectors to enforce sign ordinances, especially regarding unpermitted or illegally altered billboards.
- 6. Prohibits off-site signage in city parks and recreation facilities.

**Matt made the motion, Oren 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was approved 16-0.**

#### iii. Update on Smith Park Security Lighting. Matt provided an update that he is waiting on the draft plan from Rec & Parks and once he reviews will share and solicit feedback.

**b) Parks & Open Spaces/Environment Committee (Jeffery Masino/Patty Dryden)**

- i. Plant sustainability and Runyon Canyon tree planting. Event Date: TBD – Late January/Early February, 2018. **Motion to approve funding of up to \$1500 to purchase 12 new trees, including a species of California Oak, and other planting supplies related to event.**  
**Jeff made the motion, Luminita 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 16-0.**
- ii. **Open Space Committee Report: Recent City of Los Angeles General Plan Open Space Element-Community Conversations & Hollywood Community Plan Update 2**

Background Statement: There are two very important opportunities underway for shaping the definition and conversation of open space in our community: The long-overdue update to the open space element of the City of Los Angeles's General Plan, and the Hollywood Community Plan Update 2 [Note: See item 9d below].

Hollywood and Hollywood Hills West is unique. Not only is our neighborhood council large and diverse, but it has a challenging topography, with high volume, high intensity entertainment use/venues right up against residential neighborhoods and high fire, conservation wildlife areas. Open space in our area is an increasingly precious resource. These plans *are* the future of the City of Los Angeles and Hollywood, and are critical for guiding decision makers going forward.

**Jeff provided an update and the board discussed.**

**Public Comment: Ileana Wachtel from the Coalition to Preserve LA asked for advice on how to best do community outreach regarding the plan.**

**c) Area 3 (Brian Dyer)**

- i. **Yucca Community Center's "Winter Snowcase" on December 16, 2017**

**Motion:** That the Board of the HHWNC approve funding in the amount of \$500.00 in support of Yucca Community Center's "Winter Snowcase" to be used for food, decoration and stockings for kids.

**Michael made the motion, Suzanne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved 16-0.**

- ii. **6434 Yucca – ZA-2017-1018-ZV:** Legalization of 13 existing studio apartments for a total of 49 units and request of bicycle stalls in lieu of automobile parking. Pursuant to LAMC section 12.27, applicant requests a zoning variance for the conversion of (e) 13 studio apts. (3-on the first floor, 5-on the second floor, 5-on the third floor) totaling 49 units. Applicant requests a zone variance to have bicycle stalls in lieu of automobile parking.

**Motion: That the HHWNC Board support 6434 Yucca in the correction of the occupancy to original 49 and request an exception to bicycle rule to allow open space to remain.**

**Lumnita provided an update. Orrin made a motion, Luminita 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion failed 0-16.**

**New Motion:**

**HHWNC Recommends that the City of LA's Housing Department and LADBS**

- (i.) Inspect 6434 Yucca Street and,**
- (ii.) Issue whatever corrective orders that might be appropriate.**

**Orrin made the motion, Luminita 2<sup>nd</sup>, the motion passed 16-0.**

- d) Ad Hoc Committee on Hollywood Community Plan - Update:** Since summer, the Area and Issue chairs of HHWNC have been working on interpreting and organizing comments on the HCPU2 for the HHWNC Board response. Update on Area/Issue meetings, next steps and timeline. **Danielle provided an update and request to submit any feedback to her by the end of the month.**

**10. Public Comments** – Comments from the public on agenda items and non-agenda items within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker.

**11. Old Business**

- a) Matt reminded everyone to submit their list of pothole repairs to him.

**12. The meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.**